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DEPT. PASS SECRETARY'S PARTY

E.O.11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, US, IS
SUBJECT: GOI POSITION RE MIDEAST

1. HIGHLIGHTS JUST CONCLUDED THREE-DAY VISIT BY HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE WERE MEETING WITH DFEMIN PERES, FINMIN RABINOWITZ AND PM RABIN.

2. RABINOWITZ MADE STANDARD PITCH RE SUPPORT FOR ISRAELI AID REQUEST OF \$2.5 BILLION FOR FY-76. PERES GAVE MILITARY BRIEFING ALONG FAMILIAR LINES, MAKING POINT MILITARILY STRONG ISRAEL IS IN U.S. NATIONAL INTEREST WITH EMPHASIS ON DETERRENT TO SPREAD OF SOVIET INFLUENCE IN MID EAST. RABIN FIELDDED MANY QUESTIONS DEFTLY AND AVOIDED DEALING WITH SPECIFICS RE POSSIBLE GOI POSITION IN CURRENT SITUATION RE POSSIBLE SECOND STAGE WITH EGYPT.

3. CABINET MET LAST NIGHT AND GOI COMMUNIQUE STATES
" WITH REFERENCE TO THE GENEVA CONFERENCE, THE GOVERNMENT'S UNIED STAND HAS NOT CHANGED, THAT PRIORITY BE GIVEN TO THE EFFORTS FOR AN INTERIM ARRANGEMENT AT THE PRESENT JUNCTION."
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COMMENTATORS NOTE LANGUAGE QUALIFIES GOI SUPPORT FOR

STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH.

4. ALL SOURCES RECONFIRM THAT GOI PLANNING TO " PLAY IT COOL"
AND EMPHASIS BY COMMENTATORS ON SECRETARY'S TRIP IS ON HIS
VISIT TO CAIRO RATHER THAN HIS PRIOR VISIT TO ISRAEL.CURRENT
GOI LINE IN THIS RESPECT IS THAT " IMPORTANT" MEETING IN
ISRAEL WILL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY FOLLOWING SECRETARY'S
RETURN FROM EGYPT.
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